



FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK MINUTES

June 8, 2021 at 7pm - ONLINE MEETING

Recording may be found at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/wosg/index.html>.

1. Welcome (7:00pm)
2. Minutes from May 11, 2021 Approved
3. Guest Speakers: Captain David W. McBain, Acting Commander and Lieutenant Sunyoung Kim, 3rd District, Montgomery County Police
 - a. Captain McBain introduced Lt. Kim who will serve as the new FOWO liaison; and then he shared his background. D3 is broken into three sectors. Captain McBain then reviewed crime and police tactics as to handling crime which included carjacking, assault, muffler pollution, residential burglaries. Violet crime and crime by teens are on the rise. Police are struggling with massive retirement and a lack of interest from new recruiters. Dave mentioned his HOA's program where any police officers who move into his community get their fees waived. The captain then discussed Vision Zero, traffic issues, and pedestrian safety. Lt. Kim reviewed her duties and latest issues. Questions and answer period.
4. Discussion
 - a. Board Leadership – Planning for the Future
Board does not have term limits, but Dave urged this to happen. He also asked Kim to head a nomination and recruitment committee.
 - b. Board Membership
Kim asked intern Sara to help with outreach efforts in recruitment for new Board Members. Shana noted a need for someone from the faith-based community to join. Elisse also suggested a diversity in age for FOWO. Dave suggested a member of the medical community such as Adventist Hospital. June suggested an event for appreciation for those who have supported the community such as Jewru, Council Members, and the people who helped with COVID 19. Ken suggested we do some FDA outreach. Pete suggested inviting someone from FDA to speak at an upcoming FOWO meeting. Dave suggested a Budget Committee nominated Kim, Rachael, and Shana to be the committee. Board approved.
 - c. Food truck event is overseen by Rachael. Dave is hoping to hear from Dow Jones on the use of their parking lot.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Dave suggested a Budget Committee nominated Kim, Rachael, and Shana to be the committee. Board approved.
 - b. Dave asked for volunteers for the new Welcoming Committee. Tabled.

- c. Farmers' Market – Rachael inquired about Dow Jones. Dave was in touch with his contact and he will get back to Dave on the use of the parking lot. Also need to touch base with the potential manager.
- d. Kim was praised by Dave for her incredible efforts on behalf of the Board.
- e. Elisse's HOA has approved a contribution for FOWO. She requested an official document to help with contribution. Shana asked for a one-page document to advocate for FOWO with other HOAs.
- f. Elisse and Dave are overseeing the Funding Committee but have been busy with some personal issues. They plan to convene soon.
- g. Daniel and Rachael are organizing a Food Truck Night for fall of 2021.

6. From Pete

- a. The \$100K for FY22 placemaking is official as the Council has approved it. The Budget Committee needs to discuss the proposed budget and then report back to the Board for vote in July.
- b. The FY21 funds are \$50K. \$3k will cover the intern Sara; \$3K will cover the new website; and \$44K will initiate beautification. Thanks to Kim, the Budget Department has the necessary invoices needed to receive payments for our intern Sara and the website contractor. Pete is working with Rupert Landscape with the \$44K because they have an existing contract with the County. Rupert has made site visits to the key intersections we discussed and will be submitting a proposal which I will transmit to Budget and Procurement for review.
- c. I have arranged a tour with Adam Roberts of Bethesda Green to look at the possibilities for the CHI Center. We are also working with Will Hollman of Open Works in Baltimore who will be touring the CHI Center and may serve as a consultant. Pete has an allowance from the Executive to hire Will.
- d. I will be back in the Rockville office next Monday the 14th.
- e. Dave noted he and Elisse had a discussion with the Director of Eastern Market who is an expert in food and resources. He'd like to talk to Dan about a food strategy for White Oak.
- f. Elisse asked about another idea for White Flint in lieu of a Welcoming Committee. Pete explained it is not mean to be a substitute for a Welcoming Committee. The Executive is considering an exercise for White Oak like what the Planning Staff does for other master plans. The series is called "Revisiting". Pete will report back when he has more information.
- g. An update on Sears was requested. Pete noted nothing is new to his knowledge. Sears continues to control the lease.

7. From Sara

- a. Sara reported she has reviewed the reports and information given to her. She is also started work on social media platforms.

8. From Jewru

- a. White Oak ball field was renovated and there was a ribbon cutting with several guests.
- b. Reported targeted vaccination clinics around the White Oak area.
- c. Continue to frequent the Enclave community with events/placemaking.
- d. Several White Oak businesses have received grants to help with COVID issues.
- e. White Oak Medical Center is now in the former Staples store.
- f. Shop Rite has been purchased.

- g. Rob commented on Jewru's meeting with Adventist and Percontee. He suggested including the cancer center for the Board to learn more about.
- h. MoCo College President is leaving as well as Stacey Span of HOC.
- i. Jewru send grant information to Pete about matching funds for small events.

9. From the Public – Opportunity to Bring up a Topic not on the Agenda

- a. Margie Goergen-Rood commented that the annual National Night Out will happen this year. Her Hillandale HOA hosts their own event this year. Jewru confirmed he is working on the NNO and it will be on Tuesday, August 3rd. FOWO and Pete should have a booth.
- b. Daniel suggested activating more of the public spaces to engage the community. Soccer is very popular.
- c. Shana and June noted the Hillandale Park might be a better place for the NNO.
- d. Jewru will send Pete the small grant program for community events up to \$1,000.

10. Adjourn (8:58pm)